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Re the Application of

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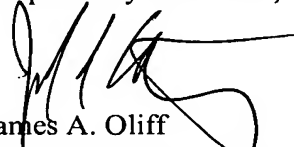
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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language references is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references Nos. 3-4 are attached hereto.

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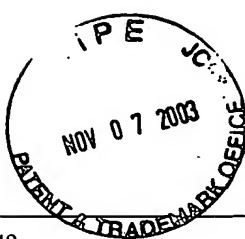
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	3	JP A 2000-50071 (with abstract)	02/18/2000	Japan			
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	5	Rosenfeld et al, "Digital Picture Processing", pp 67-81					
	6	Holladay, "An Optimum Algorithm For Halftone Generation for Displays and Hard Copies", Proceedings of the SID, Vo. 21/2, 1980, pp 185-192					
	7	Delabastita, "Screening Techniques, Moire in Four Color Printing", TAGA conference, Vancouver B.C., April 1992, pp 44-65					
	8	Peter Fink, "PostScript Screening", Chapter 4, pp 43-61					
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